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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Arizona Symphonic Winds starts their series of concerts in Udall Park on May 17. *See page 4*
- * Memorial Day: All city offices, including the Ward 2 office, will be closed on May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mike Dwyer, who is active with Pantano Little League, got in touch with my office this week.

Mike was concerned about conditions on the ball fields at Jesse Owens Park. Things are bad enough that two of his players sustained minor injuries.

By the end of the day, my staff was in touch with the East District office of Parks and Recreation and they were on the case. The quick response is a credit to Jim Conroy and his staff.

I have scheduled a visit to Jesse Owens Park next week to check on progress. I am confident that whatever issues there are at the park will be fixed.

The reason why I bring this up is that many of the people that took care of this situation are in positions that are taken out of the city manager's budget. If these positions are eliminated, will the department be able to give me that quick and conscientious a response when there is another problem in a neighborhood park?

It is easy to talk about

waste in the city or any other bureaucracy. I do it myself. In the case of Parks and Recreation, however, we are talking about a department that has already been reduced by a third in terms of personnel since 2008. Despite that, Parks and Recreation is being asked to take the biggest hit on a percentage basis of any department.

At this week's council meeting, two of my colleagues and I made it clear that we don't support these cuts. While there was no motion made, it looks as though the city manager's office got the message and the next iteration of the budget will, at the very least, not count on parks and recreation to bear the brunt of our budget shortfall.

I haven't noted this before except for a quick blurb on the Ward 2 website, but I'd like to let you know that the cashier's window in our office now accepts credit cards. It has been a frustration of mine for a couple of years now that the window didn't. I even installed

a computer kiosk that a few of you used, but now you have the convenience of paying the cashier by credit or debit card.

This week, I hosted Arthur Agee from the film *Hoop Dreams*. 20 years ago, *Hoop Dreams* inspired a generation by examining challenges facing America's families. Arthur returns to Tucson every year delivering his message of hope to local 8th graders. It's a program I started years ago in our schools and one of the things I am most proud of.

As always, have a great weekend.



This is the week we remember our fallen Tucson Police Officers:

Officer William Elliott - July 3, 1892
Officer William Katzenstein - July 26, 1902
Officer Robert Cummins - September 7, 1936
Officer Barry Headricks - October 28, 1974
Officer James Smith - October 28, 1980
Officer Jeffrey Ross - February 18, 1982
Officer Patrick K. Hardesty - May 26, 2003
Officer Erik D. Hite - June 2, 2008

To paraphrase what a speaker said at Thursday's Annual memorial service, these are eight names and may we never have to add to them.

TUCSON FARMERS MARKET

The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The park is located at 400 S. Sarnoff Road, between Broadway and 22nd Street. The market has a variety of fresh produce and organic foods. Come out to the park and shop around for healthy and tasty foods.

For more information, you can visit <http://www.heirloomfm.com/>.



FINANCIAL CLASSES

John Wilson, a financial advisor at Edward Jones is teaching free classes on finance at Eastside City Hall. The series is entitled "Fundamentals of Investing" and will be in conference Room A starting at 6:30.

May 15: Foundations of Investing

May 22: Preparing for Retirement

May 29: Preparing for the Unexpected

June 5: Planning your Estate (Will be accompanied by Estate Attorney Tom Bouman)

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection improvements: Work started November 1, 2013, and should wrap up in June 2015. Water line work is completed. We are working on the sewer line along Broadway at the Safeway Plaza. There will be various driveway closures as this work is completed. There will be driveways open at all times. We are continuing the installation of storm drains and catch basins on the east side of Houghton. We are completing the grading of the engineered fill and sidewalk on the north west corner of Houghton and Broadway. We will be paving this area next Wednesday and Thursday. We will be shifting traffic back into this area when this work is complete.

Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: This work will be starting in June. The contractor is getting geared up for moving their construction trailer to the 22nd St. area for the next phase of the project, and to free up the Park and Ride area.

Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Utility relocations in progress, construction to start in June. This project should take 18 months to complete. You will notice that Team Fischel is out relocating for Southwest Gas. TEP and TriCon are out relocating for TEP. Kleven is out relocating for CenturyLink. All their barricading has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible.

If you have any amenities located in the right of way that you are concerned about, please contact MJ Dillard at 520-837-6616 or at mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov about these so we can make arrangements to handle these. We are contacting the property management companies that manage common areas for homeowners associations for this as well.

Houghton Road: Irvington to Valencia: This project will be completed by the end of May, and is looking like it will be under budget and on schedule. The rubberized asphalt will start going in on Monday the 28th. This work will take about ten days, then we will bring in the temporary striping. The asphalt as to set up for 30 days before the final thermoplastic reflective striping and markers can be placed, and the temporary striping will allow us to keep the lanes open for that 30 day waiting period.

During the asphalt placement, we will need to close lanes down, but that will be moving and shifting throughout the ten days. Also, after the rubberized asphalt is down, there will be several areas where manholes will be raised, and this will require some barricading to allow the concrete collars to set up over night. We appreciate your patience for our final round of lane closures.

Landscaping continues to be installed throughout the project area. Various lanes of traffic will be temporarily closed to provide a safe zone for this installation. Within the next week or two, we will be placing the rock mulch throughout the project area and we will need to close various lanes for this work as well. Our goal is to keep as many of the lanes open as possible at all times.

As always, please keep the speeds down. Workers are still on the site and we don't want to see anyone hurt.

We appreciate your patience, and we want to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: May: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Avenue

UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

Memorial Day: The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Memorial Day Breakfast on Wednesday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m.. The event will cost \$4.00. Enjoy 15 minutes of stretching before a delicious breakfast and a live music performance.

For additional information on any of the programs listed above contact 791-4142.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Leisure Classes: The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available for at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including district offices, centers, and pools. The catalog is also available for viewing on line at www.ezeereg.com

The catalog has complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, sports camps, registration, recreation center programs, and so much more.

Registration has started and the deadline to register for classes this summer is Saturday, May 17th. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 to register or for any additional information.

Road Races: The events will include a 1 mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). The cost for adults is \$4.00 and children is \$3.00. Registration is on-site at 5:45 p.m. and the events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track and Field Meet and Road Race. Contact the Sports Unit for questions or more information, 791-4870.

June 5, Reid Park, 22nd Street and Country Club, SW Corner

June 12, Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 N. Craycroft, NW Corner

June 19, Lower Lincoln Park, 8280 E. Escalante, Off Escalante

June 26, Udall, 7200 E. Tanque Verde, Main Entrance

July 3, Lakeside Park, 8300 E. Stella, East of Lake

July 10, Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side

July 17, Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South End

Arizona Symphonic Winds: The Music in the Park concert series will take place in the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd.) on May 17, 24, 31 and June 7. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Attached is a map of Udall Park.

Tucson POPS: The Tucson POPS concerts will take place at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park on May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8 and 15. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Attached is the map of Reid Park.

Udall Field Closures: The Udall Soccer fields are closed for annual maintenance beginning April 28 through June 15. We thank the public for their patience during this time.

Summer Swim Schedule: Pools open for summer May 29 through July 30. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

